

Hip Fracture Comments

General Comments from all hospitals

Caritas Holy Family Hospital
Caritas Norwood Hospital
HealthAlliance Hospital
Massachusetts General Hospital
Nantucket Cottage Hospital

Caritas Holy Family Hospital

2/159 cases

Caritas Norwood Hospital

4/109 cases

HealthAlliance

HealthAlliance had no deaths from hip fractures or hip replacements. Therefore, we believe our risk adjusted mortality rate should be zero for both these diagnosis.

Massachusetts General Hospital

The hip fracture death rates reported here use administrative billing data. We do not believe that this data always captures the severity of illness of the patients sent to us for repair of hip fractures. MGH cares for a high proportion of referral and nursing home patients that come to the hospital, not all of whom were well enough to undergo surgery. Among the deaths during this period, there were patients with serious medical illnesses including metastatic cancer and some patients arrived wanting "Comfort Measures Only". The MGH Orthopedic Service reviews all deaths to discern whether there are avoidable deaths and these cases have been put through that level of scrutiny.

Nantucket Cottage Hospital

Most patients needing an open repair are transferred.